

Michelle M. Burkett: Director of Policy and Regional Operations

Michelle M. Burkett was appointed Director of FEMA's Office of Policy and Regional Operations, effective April 1, 1998. Her responsibilities include initiating agency policy, coordinating the agency's performance plan, coordinating with all regional offices, and overseeing intergovernmental affairs and environmental assessment activities. Since 1994, Ms. Burkett had been Regional Director of FEMA's Region 5. In that role, she had coordinated FEMA mitigation, preparedness and disaster response and recovery activities in: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin.

Before joining FEMA, Ms Burkett worked for the House Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, reviewing and analyzing FEMA's annual budgets.

A native of Dearborn, Michigan, Ms. Burkett holds a bachelor's degree in Urban Studies from Tulane University and a master's degree from the School of Urban and Regional Studies at the University of New Orleans.

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